

REMARKS

An Application Data Sheet is attached to update the correspondence address in the USPTO database.

Replacement sheets for FIGS 2-5 including the legend "PRIOR ART" are attached to satisfy the objection to the drawings.

The specification has been amended as suggested by the examiner to satisfy the objection.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the notice of allowable subject matter of Claims 3-4 and 12-13, however, Applicant submits that these claims are distinguishable over the prior art of record for reasons not limited to those presented by the examiner, and that the record speaks for itself.

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application.

By way of this response, Applicant has made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain any outstanding issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the examiner telephone Henry J. Groth at (408)433-7625 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Response to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-2, 5-11, and 14-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Lu et al., U.S. Patent Application 2005/0010884 (Lu). Applicant overcomes the rejection as follows.

As attested to in the attached Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, Applicant is the inventor of the invention

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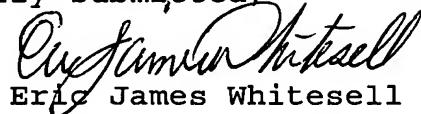
disclosed and claimed in the subject application; Applicant disclosed the invention in the attached invention disclosure to LSI Logic Corporation for "CLOCK-DRIVEN PLACEMENT AND CLOCK SYNTHESIS" before Lu's effective date of July 10, 2003; and Applicant conceived the invention in the United States of America.

Because Applicant invented the subject matter of the rejected claims prior to Lu's effective date, the rejection under 35 USC § 102(e) is overcome.

Applicant respectfully requests examination and favorable reconsideration of Claims 1-18.

No additional fee is believed due for this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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encl:

- (1) Declaration of Alexander Tetelbaum
- (2) copy of Invention disclosure for "CLOCK-DRIVEN PLACEMENT AND CLOCK SYNTHESIS"
- (3) Replacement sheets for FIGS. 2-5
- (4) Application Data Sheet

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